

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRAWN CULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a vast scope to promote prawn culture in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the Central assistance provided during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether prawn growers are being given any assistance or subsidies for that purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): Assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz. "Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture" is provided to all the States. Details of funds released during the last three years under this Centrally Sponsored Scheme, State-wise, is given in Annexure. It includes funds provided for various other components also besides Freshwater Prawn Culture and Brackishwater Shrimp Culture.

(c)&(d): Fish Farmers' Development Agencies (FFDAs) and Brackishwater Fish Farmers' Development Agencies (BFDAs) set up in the country provide a package of technical, financial and extension support to prawn/shrimp farmers for production of freshwater prawn (scampi) as well as brackishwater shrimp. Financial assistance in the form of subsidy is provided to the beneficiaries for construction of ponds, cost of inputs and for establishment of freshwater prawn seed hatchery through these agencies to undertake prawn/shrimp culture activities.